

10, 13; II Tim. 1:12; Jude 24; II Thes. 3:3; I Cor. 10:13.

3. "I am too weak." Phil. 4:13; II Cor. 12:9, 10; I Cor. 10:13.

4. "Have tried and failed." Luke 22:31, 32; I John 5:4; I Pet. 5:6-10 R. V. Rom. 8:18.

5. "I will be persecuted." Acts 14:22; Acts 5:40, 41; Heb. 12:2, 3; I Pet. 2:20, 21; Mark 8:36; Matt. 6:33.

6. "I don't feel." Acts 5:32; Matt. 10:32; Eph. 1:13; Gal. 5:22.

7. "It is too late." II Pet. 3:9; Rev. 22:17.

8. Christians are hypocrites. Rom. 14:12; Rom. 2:1-5; Matt. 7:1-5.

9. For the self-righteous. Jas. 2:10; Matt. 5:20; Luke 18:10-14; Heb. 10:28, 29.

10. For backsliders. Jer. 2:5, 13, 19; Jer. 3:12, 13, 22; Luke 15:13-24.

11. For skeptics. John 7:17; I Cor. 2:14; II Cor. 4:3, 4; II Thes. 2:10-12.

12. For procrastinators. Isa. 55:6; Matt. 24:44; II Cor. 6:2; Heb. 3:15.

For the question box

1. What incentives have we for personal work? Duty, Matt. 28:19; John 15:16; John 17:18, 20, 21. Love, I John 3:17, 18 and 5:2. Reward, Dan. 12:3; Mark 10:30; Jas. 5:20; Luke 10:17.

2. What are the qualifications of a successful worker? II Cor. 5:14; Jas. 5:7; I Cor. 9:22; Josh. 1:6; Ps. 126:5, 6; II Tim. 2:3.

3. What are some practical ways of working? (Tracts, cards, etc.)

4. What are some opportunities often overlooked?

5. Why ought teaching accompany prayer? Jno. 17:14.

6. What can we learn from Christ's example in dealing with Nicodemus? Jno. 3. With the woman at the well? Jno. 4.

7. How can our society do more in winning souls? Here are some suggestions given by John R. Mott, one of the world's leading Y. M. C. A. workers:

1. Pray for opportunities.
2. Watch for opportunities.
3. Center on one man.
4. Study him.
5. Catch him alone.
6. Do not antagonize but win him. I Cor. 19:23.
7. Realize that you are doing a great thing for him.

8. Be willing to make a mistake.
9. Find what he believes.
10. Use your Bible. Let him read.
11. Present the gospel.
12. Be in prayer and let the Spirit guide.
13. Press an immediate decision.
14. Never give a man up.

The leader must select from the material given above such help as can be used in the meeting leaving the rest for personal study.

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POWER OF CONSECRATED LIVES

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What can God do thro fully consecrated young men and women?

There was a time when Christ's work was entirely carried on by the older people of the church and the young people were supposed to sit on the back seats and do nothing, that is, if there were any young people in the church. But thank God our Creator, the time has come when young people are being gathered into the fold of Christ. They are now filling the front seats and trying to follow in the footsteps of their Master. At the present time a greater part of the work and especially of the life of the church rests almost exclusively upon the young people. Their power has been proven by the increase in the churches as well as in the young people's society.

One day as F. B. Meyer was walking down the streets of London he heard one of two men express the words, "The world has not yet seen what God can do with a fully consecrated man or woman." This set him to thinking on this subject more than he ever had before. Just so it is with our young people of to-day. Their power has never been manifested only to a small extent because of a lack of consecration.

O, for more fully consecrated young people enlisted in this work, that we might have a greater power for eternal good. It has never been revealed to men what a wonderful power God has thro the young people's societies. But I am glad to say they are rallying to this work, and are seeking for more of God's love and wisdom that they may be better qualified for labor in the Master's vineyard. My dear young people, did you ever think what it meant to be fully consecrated to Christ and his will? It means the giving up of all, but Christ and love for poor lost souls. What a blessed thought to be at the entrance of life having your garments washed in the blood of Christ willing and ready to go anywhere and be a useful instrument in God's hands. It lies in our power to be living examples of His truth and throw out such an influence that we may be known as Christians no difference where we are. *There is nothing that can mar the influence of a true Christian.* Who has more influence over the world than a true young man or woman. All over this land of ours the young people banding themselves together and organizing under different names have proven themselves mighty agents for Christ and the church. They inspire the older ones and thus encourage them to do more, as well as go out and gather in those with whom they associate that are yet out of Christ.

If there ever was a time when entire consecration was needed it is now. We have it in our power to make the coming generation better than the present, and if we desire it to be a righteous, temperate and Christ-like people, we must be such ourselves. We are a chosen people, a Royal priesthood to advance and hasten the kingdom of Christ here on the earth, and to do this we must be consecrated and devoted to him. These earthly temples of ours must be cleansed and free from all iniquity and those things that are not pleasing in his sight, "He worketh in us to will and to do his good pleasure." Let us get ourselves where we can say, "I do only those things that are pleasing in his sight."

Finally dear co-workers, will we not resolve this day to be more consecrated to Christ's service that his love and power be manifested thro us. Be true, honest, upright agents for Christ every day of our lives always performing his work with hearts and hands open, ready to grasp each and every opportunity that presents itself to us. Have your lamps trimmed and burning when he comes to take his own to himself.

Let us not go empty-handed. May God help us all to realize more fully our mission in this world.

Mexico, Indiana.

Sisters' Society C. E.

Treasurer's Semi-Annual Report S. S. C. E. from May 15 to Nov., 1897

Remittances from delinquent Societies, paid in after last report:

	Mission Fund.	Theological Fund.
Gretna, Ohio,	\$1.15	
Miamisburg, "	4.00	
North Liberty, "	1.70	
Mt. Pleasant, Pa.,	.70	
Lanark, Ill.,	1.25	
Milford, Ind.,	2.00	2.00
Dallas Center, Iowa,	1.40	
Ashland, Ohio,	1.80	
Salisbury, Pa.,	3.20	
Lathrop, Calif.,	.80	
Mexico, Ind.,	2.00	
Loree, "	1.50	
Freeport, or Campbell, Mich.,	1.50	
Total,	11.00	14.00

Remittances for six months ending March 31.

North Manchester, Ind.,	2.00	
Nappanee, "	.60	.60
Roann, "	.53	.53
Warsaw, "	2.20	
Gravelton, "	2.90	
Loree, "	1.50	
Flora, "	.30	
Maple Grove, "	2.00	
Corinth, "	1.65	
Oakville, "	1.70	
Louisville, Ohio,	2.50	
West Alexandria, "	.50	
Fairhaven, "	2.00	
Williamstown, "	1.00	1.00
Bethesda, "	1.20	
Bryan, "	1.20	
Gretna, "	2.90	
Shiloh, Va.,	3.85	
Bethel, Mich.,	1.00	
New Troy, Mich.,	1.80	
Woburn, Md.,	1.50	
Carleton, Neb.,	1.70	
Falls City, "	1.00	
Milledgeville, Ill.,	3.00	
Lanark, "	1.20	
Garrison, Iowa,	1.10	
Hudson, "	2.25	
Philadelphia, Pa.,	5.80	
Myersdale, "	1.00	1.00
Johnstown, "	8.20	
Listie, "	2.00	
Williamson, "	1.20	
Aleppo, "	1.10	
Washington, D. C.,	1.00	1.00

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Gretna, Ohio,	\$1.15
Nappanee, Ind.,	.60
Roann, "	.54
Falls City, Neb.,	1.00
Meyersdale, Pa.,	1.00
Total,	4.29